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In the Application of:

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Continuous Slitter Apparatus
and Method**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

This filing is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed March 20, 2002 in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts mailed January 4, 2002 and having a due date of March 4, 2002. However, the Notice of Incomplete Reply specifies that the period for reply remains as set forth in the Notice to File Missing Parts. Consequently, this filing is accompanied by a two-month extension of time to extend the period for reply to May 4, 2002

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the attached ABSTRACT which is enclosed on a separate sheet.

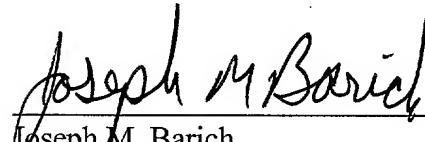
REMARKS

The Notice of Incomplete Reply indicated that the Preliminary Amendment of March 4, 2002 was incomplete because the abstract was not submitted on a separate sheet (the abstract was submitted in the body of the Preliminary Amendment.)

By this amendment, an abstract is provided on a separate sheet to meet the requirements of the Notice of Incomplete Reply.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees and/or extensions of time and/or to credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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